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Entitled: SHALE HYDRATION INHIBITION AGENT AND METHOD OF USE

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Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification including:
 - 33 pages of disclosure,
 - 9 page(s) of claims, and an Abstract.
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to MI LLC for recording.
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